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The situation therefore at present is that we are still trying to resolve the Stockholm difficulties, but at the same time we have asked our Foreign Office to make arrangements for us to test Oslo on the spot, and as soon as I hear that we can go ahead, I propose to have this done, so that at least we know what value we would get from Oslo as compared with the known otentialities of Stockholm. From this you will see that the project is still very much alive and we are doing our best to press on with it but, as I am sure you will yourself appreciate, Government departments do not move with the speed we would like and there are diplomatic as well as technical difficulties to be overcome.

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